COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION (LA County CRC)

CRC MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETING: Monday, November 22, 2021, 7:00 pm

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Agenda

AGENDA ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER

Thai V. Le, Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission (LA County CRC) Clerk, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. He reviewed the process for the public to select either English or Spanish access to interpreters.

AGENDA ITEM 2: ROLL CALL

LA County CRC's Resolution No. 2021-03 enables the Commission to meet virtually in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3) to extend the time during which the Commission may continue to teleconference its meeting without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of section 54953 because of COVID-19 pandemic and health issues.

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Thai V. Le took roll call. A quorum was present.

Yes	Commissioner Jean Franklin	Yes	Commissioner Priscilla Orpinela-Segura
Excused	Commissioner David Holtzman	Yes	Commissioner Hailes Soto
Yes	Commissioner Mary Kenney	Yes	Commissioner Saira Soto
Yes	Co-Chair Daniel Mayeda	Yes	Commissioner Brian Stecher
Yes	Commissioner Mark Mendoza	Yes	Commissioner John Vento
Yes	Commissioner Apolonio Morales	Yes	Co-Chair Carolyn Williams
Yes	Commissioner Nelson Obregon	Yes	Commissioner Doreena Wong



AGENDA ITEM 3: APPROVAL OF AGENDA - CO-CHAIR CAROLYN WILLIAMS

The agenda was accepted with no changes.

AGENDA ITEM 4: CONSENT ITEMS – CO-CHAIR DAN MAYEDA

Items listed under the consent calendar are considered by the Co-Chairs to be routine in nature and will be enacted by one motion unless a commissioner requests otherwise, in which case the item will be removed for separate consideration.

Co-Chair Dan Mayeda indicated that the Commission should review and take appropriate action on the November 15, 2021, and November 17, 2021, minutes. A Commissioner made a motion that was seconded to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

Motion Made:		Commissioner Mark Mendoza			
Motion Seconded:		Commissioner Doreena Wong			
Outcome:		Approved			
November	15, 2021, Minutes				
Yes	Commissioner J	ean Franklin	Yes	Commissioner Priscilla Orpinela-Segura	
Excused	Commissioner D	avid Holtzman	Abstain	Commissioner Hailes Soto	
Yes	Commissioner N	lary Kenney	Yes	Commissioner Saira Soto	
Yes	Co-Chair Daniel	Mayeda	Yes	Commissioner Brian Stecher	
Yes	Commissioner N	1ark Mendoza	Yes	Commissioner John Vento	
Yes	Commissioner Apolonio Morales		Yes	Co-Chair Carolyn Williams	
Yes	Commissioner Nelson Obregon		Yes	Commissioner Doreena Wong	
November	17, 2021, Minutes				
Yes	Commissioner Jean Franklin		Yes	Commissioner Priscilla Orpinela-Segura	
Excused	Commissioner D	avid Holtzman	Abstain	Commissioner Hailes Soto	
Abstain	Commissioner N	lary Kenney	Yes	Commissioner Saira Soto	
Yes	Co-Chair Daniel	Mayeda	Yes	Commissioner Brian Stecher	
Yes	Commissioner N	1ark Mendoza	Yes	Commissioner John Vento	
Yes	Commissioner A	polonio Morales	Yes	Co-Chair Carolyn Williams	
Yes	Commissioner N	Ielson Obregon	Yes	Commissioner Doreena Wong	

AGENDA ITEM 5: CLOSED SESSION ITEM

The LA County CRC Commissioners went into closed session for a conference with Legal Counsel, regarding anticipated litigation (Gov. Code, §§ 54956.9(d)(2)). The Agenda indicated that: "A point has been reached where, in the opinion of the Commission on the advice of its independent legal counsel, based on existing



facts and circumstances, there is significant exposure to litigation against the Commission." The number of potential cases was one.

Public comment. None

After the closed session, Holly Whatley, the LA County CRC Independent Legal Counsel announced to the public that there was no reportable action taken.

AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

6a. Review and Discussion of public input on map options and submitted maps, including Commissioners' observations and suggested modifications, possible formation of Ad Hoc Working Groups, and possible direction to ARCBridge to prepare modified or new maps for future consideration — Co-Chairs Dan Mayeda and Carolyn Williams

The map options under consideration (and all submitted maps to date) are posted on the LA County CRC website at: https://redistricting.lacounty.gov/. They can also be found on the redistricting hub (https://redistricting-lacounty.hub.arcgis.com/) and linked below:

- Supervisorial District Map A-1
- Supervisorial District Map B-1
- Supervisorial District Map C-1
- Supervisorial District Map D-1
- Supervisorial District Map E
- Supervisorial District Map F

NOTE: Members of the public interested in viewing submitted plans in the redistricting mapping software can follow the instructions in this <u>video</u> once logged into the <u>redistricting mapping software</u>. Viewing the submitted plans in the mapping software allows for a more in-depth exploration of the plans, including identifying specific communities and cities. Members of the public can also use the software to save their own version of the draft maps, make modifications, and submit for the public and Commissioners to view.

Public comment – see recordings on "VIDEO FILE FOR ENTIRE MEETING POSTED" at the start of the minutes:

- 1. Aaron Robertson, Advancement Project
- 2. Stuart Waldman, VICA
- 3. Sean Cazares, Foothills Communities



- 4. Helen Haig, Armenian Assembly of America
- 5. Bruce M. Rowe
- 6. Maria Brenes, InnerCity Struggle
- 7. Chris Rowe
- 8. Ramiro S. Adeva III, Assistant City Manager, City of Agoura Hills
- 9. Andrea Gullo, Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority
- 10. Ishmael Castro
- 11. Jessica Panduro, InnerCity Struggle
- 12. David Movsessian Armenians for Redistricting Equity
- 13. Kristin McGuire, Board Member, Charter Oaks School District, Covina, CA (SGV)
- 14. Adele Andrade Stadler, Council Member, City of Alhambra
- 15. Nick Gaines, SFV
- 16. Mario Dominguez, Jr., South Gate resident
- 17. Todd McGuire, SGV
- 18. Henry Lo, Mayor Pro Tem, Monterey Park
- 19. Angel Torrientes, Covina resident (SGV)
- 20. Gay Yuen, Alhambra, Monterey Park (SGV)
- 21. John Tang, City of Rosemead
- 22. Jacky Contreras
- 23. Henry Perez, East LA resident, community organizer
- 24. Osvaldo Dominguez, City Terrace
- 25. Jack Cheng, Chinatown Service Center (SGV)
- 26. Rosa Soto, North Whittier resident, SGV/Eastside advocate
- 27. John Mendoza, Pomona Fairplex
- 28. Tim Sanchez, SFV

The Commissioners considered the six map options. Co-Chair Dan Mayeda suggested that the Commission consider narrowing the number of map options.

Motion to Remove Map D-1

A motion was made and seconded to remove Map D-1 from consideration as a map option. There was no further Commissioner discussion. The motion passed.



Motion Made: Commissioner Mark Mendoza	
Motion Seconded:	Commissioner Brian Stecher
Outcome: Approved	

Yes	Commissioner Jean Franklin	Yes	Commissioner Priscilla Orpinela-Segura
Excused	Commissioner David Holtzman	Yes	Commissioner Hailes Soto
No	Commissioner Mary Kenney	Yes	Commissioner Saira Soto
Yes	Co-Chair Daniel Mayeda	Yes	Commissioner Brian Stecher
Yes	Commissioner Mark Mendoza	Yes	Commissioner John Vento
Yes	Commissioner Apolonio Morales	Yes	Co-Chair Carolyn Williams
Yes	Commissioner Nelson Obregon	Yes	Commissioner Doreena Wong

Motion to Remove Map C-1

A motion was made and seconded to remove Map C-1 from consideration as a map option. Commissioners Doreena Wong and Apolonio Morales expressed their desire to keep Map C-1 as a reference point. Commissioners Mark Mendoza and Brian Stecher supported eliminating this map option. Commissioner Mendoza was concerned with the splitting of the San Gabriel Valley. There was no further Commissioner discussion. The motion passed.

Motion Made: Co-Chair Carolyn Williams	
Motion Seconded: Commissioner Jean Franklin	
Outcome: Approved	

Yes	Commissioner Jean Franklin	Yes	Commissioner Priscilla Orpinela-Segura
Excused	Commissioner David Holtzman	No	Commissioner Hailes Soto
Yes	Commissioner Mary Kenney	No	Commissioner Saira Soto
Yes	Co-Chair Daniel Mayeda	Yes	Commissioner Brian Stecher
Yes	Commissioner Mark Mendoza	Yes	Commissioner John Vento
No	Commissioner Apolonio Morales	Yes	Co-Chair Carolyn Williams
Yes	Commissioner Nelson Obregon	No	Commissioner Doreena Wong

Suggested Approach to Narrowing Map Options Further

Co-Chair Dan Mayeda pointed out similarities among:

- Map Option A-1, which has modifications ("children") with Maps E, F, 051, 052, 055, 056
- Map Option B-1, which has modifications ("children") with Maps 042, 043, 045, 048, 049, 050, 054, 058

He used Map 050 as an example of how tweaks could be made to the map to reflect improvements in Map Option A-1.

Suggested "Tweaks" to Map Option F

The Commissioners reviewed Map Option F (itself a modification of Map Option A-1) and made some "tweaks," based on public input, communities of interest groupings, and similar observations. They discussed how La Verne, San Dimas, Glendora, and Walnut dipped down into SD 1 and noted that it was justifiable because of a shared interest among the clustering of the foothill communities in the San Gabriel Valley.

Motion to Remove Maps A-1 and E

A motion was made and seconded to remove Maps A-1 and E from consideration as map options. Map F was the suggested base map to build on for further modifications of Map A-1. Commissioner Saira Soto strongly expressed the desire to retain Map A-1 as an option. There was no further Commissioner discussion. The motion passed.

Motion Made: Co-Chair Carolyn Williams	
Motion Seconded:	Commissioner Jean Franklin
Outcome: Approved	

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Excused	Commissioner David Holtzman	Yes	Commissioner Hailes Soto
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With this motion, the two remaining map options are Map B-1 and Map F.

Motion to Form Ad Hoc Working Groups to Refine Map B-1 and Map F

A motion was made and seconded to form two Ad Hoc Working Groups – one to refine Map B-1 and the other to refine Map F. Commissioner Jean Franklin emphasized that time is of the essence, using the Daily News Phrase, "Tick tock." There was no further Commissioner discussion. The motion passed.

Co-Chairs Dan Mayeda and Carolyn Williams requested that Commissioners email them if they would like to serve on one of these two Ad Hoc Working Groups.

Motion Made:	Co-Chair Carolyn Williams	
Motion Seconded:	Commissioner Mark Mendoza	
Outcome: Approved		

Yes	Commissioner Jean Franklin	Yes	Commissioner Priscilla Orpinela-Segura
Excused	Commissioner David Holtzman	Yes	Commissioner Hailes Soto
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<u>6b. Discussion and possible formation of an Ad Hoc Working Group to review the draft year-end Technical Report (a work in progress) — Co-Chair Carolyn Williams</u>

Given the late hour, Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough, Ph.D., LA County CRC Executive Director, suggested that this Agenda item be postponed to the next special meeting to be scheduled on Monday, November 29, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 7: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT - GAYLA KRAETSCH HARTSOUGH, PH.D.

Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough announced the upcoming public hearing dates and times:

- Wed., Dec. 1 at 6:30p Public Hearing No. 3/ Special Meeting
- Tues., Dec. 7 at 6:30p Public Hearing No. 4 (Day 30)

She reminded the public that the LA County CRC wanted to hear from them, noting that they need to sign up by 8:00 pm to make oral public comments.

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT - CO-CHAIR DAN MAYEDA

Co-Chair Mayeda adjourned the meeting at 10:49 p.m.

To sign up for receiving future LA County CRC notices, go to: redistricting.lacounty.gov

To submit input to the public hearings, including signing up for speaking before the Commission, go to: https://forms.gle/2SDZSxEuKNZ3ZU1KA

